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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO FRG ON SENSITIVE NUCLEAR EXPORT

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1. SUMMARY: FRG FOREIGN OFFICE IS ASSEMBLING DATA FROM INDUSTRIAL SOURCES ABOUT PENDING EXPORT LICENSES FOR SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. FONOFF REP CONFIRMED THAT FRG WILL NOT ISSUE LICENSES DURING INTERIM PERIOD REQUIRED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY USG. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR CALLED ON ROUGET, CHIEF FONOFF ATOMIC ENERGY OFFICE, AND DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REF B. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT SECRETARY'S AGREEMENT TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT LICENSE QUESTION WAS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO US POSITION THAT ISSUANCE OF LICENSES WOULD HAVE ADVERSE PRACTICAL, SYMBOLIC AND POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. ROUGET RESPONDED THAT THIS LIMITATION AND LANGUAGE HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN CONTAINED IN GERMAN REPORTS OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SECRETARY AND MINISTER GENSCHER. EMBOFF REITERATED THAT WE HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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INSTRUCTED TO CLARIFY THIS POINT WHEN REQUESTING ALL POSSIBLE TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THESE PENDING EXPORT LICENSES.

3. EMBOFF ALSO NOTED THAT US EXPECTS FRG WILL NOT ISSUE LICENSES DURING INTERIM PREIOD. ROUGET CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF AGREEMENT REACHED.

4. EMBOFF THEN OUTLINED ORALLY THE DATA THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR A SATISFACTORY DETAILED REPORT ON THE LICENSE QUESTION. THIS OUTLINE INCLUDED THE SPECIFIC POINTS MENTIONED REF B BUT EXPANDED ON THEM TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON THE COMPLETE PROCESS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BY PEOPLE, PAPER AND HARDWARE; AND TO REQUEST A BRIEFING AS WELL ON THE DETAILS OF THE ACTUAL FRG GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY COMMITMENTS TO BRAZIL FOR THE TWO SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES INVOLVED IN THIS DEAL. ROUGET COMMENTED THAT INFORMATION OF THIS LATTER CHARACTER WOULD SEEM TO GO BEYOND AGREEMENT REACHED IN WASHINGTON. EMBOFF CHARACTERIZED THESE BACKGROUND DATA AS ESSENTIAL IF SIGNIFICANCE OF LICENSES FOR THE EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY WAS TO BE PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD AND EVALUATED. ROUGET EXPLAINED THAT FONOFF HAS ALREADY CONTACTED RELEVANT GERMAN INDUSTRIES AND WILL ASSEMBLE AVAILABLE DATA AND RESPOND ASAP. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE "COMMERCIALY SECRET" CHARACTER OF SUCH DATA AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG AGREEMENT TO MAKE SUCH DATA AVAILABLE MUST NOT RPT NOT BE INTERPRETED AS RECOGNITION THAT USG HAS THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE DETAILS OF SUCH A TRANSACTION. EMBOFF REMIND-ED ROUGET THAT USG MOTIVATION WAS NOT COMMERCIAL AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE RESULTANT REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED BY CLASSIFIED, LIMITED DISTRIBUTION CABLE.

5. ROUGET ASSURED EMBOFF THAT FRG WILL RESPOND ASAP.

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